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SUBJ: TWELFTH REPORT OF US DELEGATION TO ICAO ASSEMBLY,
MONTREAL, OCTOBER 10

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVED ITS REPORTS TO PLENARY ON ITEMS 14, AMENDMENT OF RULES OF PROCEDURE, AND 18 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSOLIDATED OR DECLARED NO LONGER IN FORCE. PORTUGAL THEN REQUESTED ABROGATION OF RESOLUTION A19-2 (WHICH HAD DEPRIVED IT OF FULL ICAO PARTICIPATION) AS IT HAD BEEN COMPLETELY OVERTAKEN BY RECENT EVENTS IN PORTUGAL AND ITS AFRICAN TERRITORIES. MALI IMMEDIATELY STATED IT WOULD SUBMIT A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT AND READ OUT THE TEXT OF A RESOLUTION, LATER CIRCULATED, WHICH (1) CONGRATULATES PORTUGAL AND REQUESTS IT TO ACTIVELY PURSUE LIBERATION OF ALL ITS COLONIAL TERRITORIES IN AFRICA; (2) DECIDES THAT RESOLUTION A19-2 SHOULD BE RESCINDED AS SOON AS UN OR OAU HAS LIFTED SANCTIONS AGAINST PORTUGAL AND (3) DIRECTS ICAO COUNCIL TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION. SENEGAL SECONDED THIS RESOLUTION. PORTUGAL FOUND IT ACCEPTABLE AND 36 OTHER STATES SPOKE IN FAVOR OF IT. US WELCOMED THIS INITIATIVE, SAYING IT WAS A POSITIVE STEP AND THAT IT WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE BOTH MALI AND PORTUGAL. BELGIUM AND GHANA SUGGESTED MEETING MAKE UNANIMOUS DECISION IMMEDIATELY. HOWEVER, CHAIRMAN

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SAID HE HOPED IT WOULD PASS IN ONE MINUTE THE FOLLOWING DAY AFTER

TEXT HAD BEEN CIRCULATED IN WRITING.

2. COMMITTEE APPROVED ITS REPORT ON ITEM 41, RELATIONSHIP OF ICAO WITH REGIONAL CIVIL AVIATION BODIES. WHEN REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION ON CONTRIBUTION IN ARREARS NOTED BY COMMITTEE, GHANA GAVE NOTICE IT WILL BRING UP ADDITIONAL MATTER LATER.

3. KENYA INTRODUCED CORRIGENDUM TO ORIGINAL EAST AFRICAN PROPOSAL FOR A NEW ICAO REGIONAL OFFICE, WHICH RECOGNIZED "URGENT NEED" FOR OFFICE IN EASTERN AFRICA AND INSTRUCTED THE COUNCIL TO ANALYZE THE MATTER THOROUGHLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY, TO CONSULT STATES IN REGION AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO MAKE PROVISION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS OFFICE. US SAID IT FULLY SUPPORTED THIS RESOLUTION (WHICH BASED IN LARGE PART ON US TEXT PRESENTED PREVIOUS DAY). USSR SAID IT COULD ACCEPT THIS RESOLUTION IF OPENING CLAUSE WERE CHANGED TO "BEARING IN MIND THE INITIATIVE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ICAO REGIONAL OFFICE IN EASTERN AFRICA" AND IF COUNCIL WAS INSTRUCTED TO CONSULT "CONTRACTING STATES" INSTEAD OF "STATES IN THE PROPOSED REGION". FRANCE AND FRG FULLY SUPPORTED BOTH AMENDMENTS. AT REQUEST OF ZAMBIA "URGENT" WAS INSERTED BEFORE "ESTABLISHMENT" AND THEN FIRST SOVIET AMENDMENT APPROVED 30-18 (US). CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED SECOND AMENDMENT BE CHANGED TO READ "MEMBERS OF AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN REGION" AND THEN ENTIRE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED 73 (US) - 1 WITH SOMALIA AND POLAND ASKING TO BE RECORDED AS ABSTAINING.

4. TECHNICAL COMMISSION APPROVED TEXTS OF TWO REPORTS. IT REVIEWED ITS REPORT ON ITEM 19 (TECHNICAL PROBLEMS ARISING OUT OF LEASE, CHARTER AND INTERCHANGE OF AIRCRAFT IN INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS). REPORT WAS PRESENTED IN WP/134. COMMISSION APPROVED REPORT WITH A MINOR AMENDMENT TO PARA. 19:5 AND AN EXPANSION OF THE THIRD OPERATIVE CLAUSE IN PROPOSED RESOLUTION, CONCERNING NEED FOR COUNCIL TO REPORT, AT NEXT MAJOR SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY ON THE ACTION IT WILL HAVE TAKEN ON THE SUBJECT. COMMISSION APPROVED REPORT ON ITEM 40 (TECHNICAL MEASURES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE SECURITY OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT) CONTAINED IN WP/127, SUBJECT TO MINOR AMENDMENTS TO PARAS. 40:5 AND 40:7 AND THE THIRD OPERATIVE CLAUSE OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION.

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5. BUDGET WORKING GROUP EXAMINED FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF INTRODUCTION OF ARABIC LANGUAGE (DOLS 437,000 FOR THE TRIENNium) AN ITEM REFERRED TO IT BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (ITEMS 44 AND 32). US MADE STRONG STATEMENT APPEALING TO ARAB STATES COLLECTIVELY TO PAY COSTS VOLUNTARILY AND EXAMINING FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS OF LANGUAGE PROLIFERATION; THERE WAS NO SUPPORT IN WORKING GROUP OR AMONG ARAB STATES FOR US POSITION. IT ALSO EXAMINED IMPLICATIONS OF A MEETING IN THE

AIR TRANSPORT FIELD RECOMMENDED BY THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION.
FINALLY WORKING GROUP CLEARED PART OF ITS REPORT TO COMMISSION
ON AGENDA ITEM 32 (BUDGETS), AND ITS REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 36
(WORKING CAPITAL FUND).
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